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Has Been Pardoned.

Santa Fe, March 28.—E. E. Freeman, convicted of murder in the second degree less than a year ago in the district court in session at Deming, Luna county, and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, has been pardoned by Governor Hagerman, the pardon being unconditional. Freeman will go to Victoria, British Columbia.

J. E. McDonald, convicted of killing William Turk in Eddy county, five years ago, has been pardoned by Governor Hagerman, after having served five years of a fifteen-year sentence which had been reduced to seven years by Governor Otero. McDonald learned the brick-making trade at the penitentiary and will put up brick kilns at Carlsbad.

Dr. Vert Resigns.

East Las Vegas, N. M., March 30.—Dr. Edmund J. Vert, president of the Las Vegas Normal school, and one of the best known educators in New Mexico, has tendered his resignation to the board of directors of the normal school to take effect at the end of the present year.

CUSTOMS OF PENITENTES

Peculiar Religious Services of a Fanatical Nature Indulged by This Sect.

MURDER RESULT OF EAVESDROPPING

Court This Week Will Try Case of Elias Azaar Who Killed a Penitente Last Year.

From the Raton Range.

Last Friday was the day of the Penitente orgies, when the fanatical believers in the peculiar cult lash themselves into religious fervor and frenzy by inflicting upon their bare bodies flagellations and other means of torture until the blood flows freely from scores of painful wounds upon their lacerated selves. This curious sect among the Mexicans, who inhabit principally the districts embraced by Las Animas county, Colo., and Colfax county, N. M., begin their self-imposed tortures on the afternoon of Maundy Thursday and continue the awful punishment until after the sun has set on Good Friday. By so doing, they believe they are properly commemorating the Savior's crucifixion and death on the cross, and making themselves fit subjects for the pearly gates of everlasting life, joy and felicity.

Wearing no garment other than a pair of scanty white cotton drawers, stripped to the waist and with bare feet, the men among the Mexican Penitentes flay themselves with cruel whips until too weak to stand longer; then, falling inate masses of bruised humanity to the hard, dust-covered ground, they are again beaten over their backs by yet others, until the flow of blood comes forth fast enough to wash away all real or fancied sins which they have committed within the past year. Only their religious fervor sustains them throughout these terrible Good Fridays. The women flagellate themselves into almost the same condition of utter helplessness as do the men, and deaths not infrequently result as an aftermath of these terrible orgies.

The laws of the United States have in large measure, done away with many of the oldtime customs of the Mexican Penitentes. In the early days it was customary to actually crucify one subject each Good Friday upon the cross made of telegraph poles or trunks of trees. While the cross is

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LITTLE PROSPECT NOW FOR SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE; ALL NEGOTIATIONS DECLARED OFF

All Efforts at Reconciliations Have Apparently Failed and Each Side After Having Made Their Last Advance Are Awaiting the Action of the Other. Lay-off May Occur in a Few Days

Tying Up of Railroads Will Paralyze Western Half of the Continent. Special Agents of President Roosevelt Fail in Their Efforts to Effect a Settlement of the Labor Difficulty.

Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Abbott From the Raton Range.

Colfax county's representatives in the 37th legislative assembly, H. C. Abbott, with his family who have been sojourning at Santa Fe during the sixty days session of the legislature which adjourned on the 21st, returned home last Saturday afternoon on No. 10, a number of their friends meeting them at the depot.

As per previous arrangements a reception was given them at the opera house in the evening to which a large number of citizens attended to welcome them home and show their appreciation of Representative Abbott for the position he assumed all through the sessions of the legislature. It was a regular love feast.

G. D. Parrish acted as chairman of the meeting and made a few appropriate remarks which were appreciated. M. W. Mills made quite a lengthy address that was full of meat from start to finish, as he vied with the community that Mr. Abbott had done his duty as our representative when he resolved to and did stand by Governor Hagerman in his every act. M. M. Salazar acted in the capacity of interpreter, also made a few well chosen remarks. Mr. Abbott also made an address, reviewing to some extent his experiences of the past sixty days in the troublesome halls of the New Mexico house of representatives, during at times when the air was blue, and the numerous combats and contests with the once powerful Bursum's invincible seventeen. His remarks were highly appreciated by those present.

The meeting was a good one, it clearly exhibited a unanimous sentiment toward appreciation of Representative Abbott for the course he pursued and the work he done as a member of the 37th legislative assembly of New Mexico.

SANTA FE COUNTY IS SUED FOR \$15,000

By Bondholder—Local Attorneys Appear as Counsel for Plaintiff.

H. A. Ensign versus Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County is the title of a suit which has been filed in the First Judicial District court for Santa Fe county. The plaintiff deposes and says that he is the holder of certain bonds issued by Santa Fe county under the act for the financial relief of counties and municipalities. He prays for judgment in the sum of \$15,477.50, alleging the same as being for coupons due on bonds issued July 1, 1892, together with the accrued interest at 6 per cent. A. J. Abbott and E. C. Abbott of this city and Jesse Northcutt, of Trinidad, are named as attorneys for plaintiff. The complaint is a voluminous one, most of which is printed, and it is bound in book form.

H. A. Ensign is the vice president of the Santa Fe, Raton & Eastern R. R. company and of the Raton Waterworks company and resides in New York City.

Taos Bank Has Closed Its Doors.

The Taos Savings Bank of Taos has closed its doors but has paid its creditors and depositors in full. The cause of the suspension of the bank, was on account of lack of support by the people. The business men of Taos and the county would like to have a national bank in which they could have an interest. Such an institution would be very popular.—Red River Prospector.

Special to The News and Press:

Chicago, April 3.—At two o'clock this afternoon, the committee representing the managers of forty-seven railroads between Chicago and the Pacific, comprising all the important railroad systems in the Western half of the United States, and the representatives of their fifty thousand employees who are demanding better hours and better pay, are in a final deadlock, and the indications are that at an early day a strike will be called which will paralyze the business of the entire country.

In the final effort to effect another compromise or at least a conference, Commissioners Knapp and Neill, the special representatives of President Roosevelt have failed utterly, and there seems no possible way in which the matter can again be opened up. Today it is impossible to get the warring factions together. Neither the Grand Chiefs of the employees organizations nor the spokesmen for the railroads would consent to a conference and both have adopted a policy of waiting for the other to make overtures.

For the railroads, a member of the committee states that their last concession, terms of which have not been made public, was their final proposition and they had no other to offer. It is understood that this was a concession of ten per cent. increase in wages.

For the employees, Grand Chiefs Morrissey and Garretson said that specific instructions to them by a referendum vote of ninety-eight per cent. of the members of their organizations was for a twelve per cent. increase in wages and settlement could only come on that basis.

Unless some unforeseen event occurs which will bring the warring factions together, it is believed in official circles that the men on the forty-seven railroads affected will be asked to "lay off" in the next few days and that the tie-up of the railroads will be complete.

Taming Arizona.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 30.—The days of the wild and woolly, of the dashing, daring, red-shirted, be-six-shootered wild west, are done in Arizona. Gradually at first, but in recent years more rapidly, and of late months by leaps and bounds, the traces of the old free, swinging, picturesque and naughty days have been removed until now Arizona stands of right on a social and moral level with any of the states.

The last big scar of the wild days will be wiped out on Monday, April 1st, when the anti-gambling law enacted by the late legislature goes into effect. Every gambling house in Arizona will close its tables on Saturday night, and the days of monte, faro, roulette and craps will be done forever, at least so far as the eyes of the law is concerned.

Mexican Fell Dead.

While participating in a Good Friday orgy of the Penitentes at Long's Canon Saturday, Andreas Ramirez, a Mexican, 76 years old, fell to the ground dead of heart failure due to old age and excitement. His remains were carried into the church, about which the younger generation were dancing and scourging themselves, and shortly after his sudden death, he was buried in a field nearby.

Thus far the county authorities have made no investigation of the old man's death, but one may be made if any suspicious circumstances arise to warrant such a proceeding.—Advertiser.

Colfax County's Representative.

The Santa Fe New Mexican of the 23rd says: "Hon. and Mrs. H. C. Abbott of Springer, who have been here since the 20th of January, were passengers for home this forenoon."

Mr. Abbott served faithfully as a member of the house of representatives of the assembly from Colfax county. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott enjoyed their sojourn here greatly and made many good friends who became attached to them for their many good qualities. They became favorites in Santa Fe social circles. Hon. and Mrs. Elmer S. Studley of Raton, who have been guests at the Palace hotel during the session, went home this afternoon. Both became very popular in Santa Fe society, and Mrs. Studley made a very favorable impression among those who had the good fortune to meet her. Mr. Studley represented the counties of Colfax and Mora in the house of representatives and did excellent work. He is a member of the committee to revise the statutes of New Mexico and he and Mrs. Studley will spend part of the next two years in this city while Mr. Studley will be engaged on this duty.

Cigarette Did the Work.

Carrizozo, N. M., March 28.—The new railroad shops, including the round-house, car shops and five engines, of the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad at this point, were completely destroyed by fire here last night entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from a lighted cigarette stub.

Curio Store Sold

The Benham Indian Trading company has closed a deal for the stock of curios and Mexican and Indian goods held by the Gold curiosity shop of Santa Fe, which is going out of business. The transaction has been under way for some time. The sale of this stock ends the life of the first curio shop to be opened in the United States for the exclusive handling of Mexican and Indian goods and southwestern curios. For many years the Old Gold shop was famous and no tourist considered that he had seen the west without paying a visit to the old adobe building in Burro alley. The stock purchased by the Albuquerque house comprises a considerable amount of high class Mexican and Indian wares and curios.

Raton Locals.

From the Raton Range.
Mrs. E. B. Burton has gone to Cimarron for a week.

According to one of the Thaw case experts, there is a disease known as circular insanity. It affects merchants who imagine that the profitable way to advertise is by sending out circulars.—Las Vegas Optic.

W. W. Twyman, an old resident of Raton but now of Hooker, Okla., died Saturday night. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Curtis of this city and several daughters in Oklahoma and a son, Twyman, in Cimarron.

General Hugh Cameron, the Kansas hermit, having successfully concluded his pilgrimage to Albuquerque for the purpose of visiting his friend, Senator Ross, formerly of Kansas and former governor of New Mexico, left yesterday morning for his home in Lawrence, Kansas. General Cameron's trip to Albuquerque has attracted more attention to the famous incident of the Johnson impeachment than has any occurrence in the past twenty years.—Albuquerque Journal.

Hauling Hay.

While hauling a load of hay from the field to Fred Whitney's barn, John F. Kilbridge left his team standing alone on the road. The horses, a high-spirited bay team, started to run. Kilbridge managed to reach the team and climbed up on the load in time to have the wagon upset and bury him under the load. Fred Whitney went to his assistance and helped him unhitch the team, and each young man then mounted a horse, intending to ride them as far as the stable, but the horse Kilbridge was riding upset his calculations by starting to pitch and run. Kilbridge stayed with him pluckily as long as he could, when the horse finally threw him. Fred Whitney caught the animal, jumped on him and gave the brute a good cuffing over the ears and head to convince him he had his master on him. The horse was eventually from Missouri and went off quietly to the stable.

Returned from Trip.

C. W. Bridges returned Friday from a three weeks' trip to Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs, where he had his wife and family on a little vacation prior to accepting his new position as bridge foreman with the Cimarron and Northwestern. Mr. Bridges was employed in the same capacity with the Swastika road.

A Very Remarkable Case.

Albuquerque, N. M., March 28.—(Special.)—Striving desperately to make his hearers understand him, Curtis McCollom, who, five weeks ago, was found in an unconscious condition at Suanee, and who since then has been a patient in a sanitarium here, today showed the first sign of returning life when he began to talk. Since recovering the use of his tongue, the man has talked almost constantly, but his utterances are mere jumbles of words and convey no meaning.

McCollom's case is one of the most remarkable ever recorded at local hospitals. For five weeks he has lain as one dead and life has been kept in his emaciated body by means of liquid foods given him with a spoon. During his long sleep he has never spoken and scarcely moved.

McCollom was hurt by a Santa Fe train at Suanee, N. M., Feb. 28, when he was on his way to his home at Las Vegas from Ketter, N. M., where he had been employed in a lumber camp. His wife and four little children are in desperate circumstances.

COURT SESSIONS

Busy Week for Court Officials—Adams Case Next Week.

AN IMPORTANT SUIT FILED TODAY

Maxwell Land Grant Company to Stop Timber Cutting by the Bartletts.

From the Raton Range.

A very important suit was filed in the district court this morning, entitled The Maxwell Land Grant Company, et al., vs. William L. Bartlett and Norman W. Bartlett, growing out of a claim made by the defendants to a tract of timber land within the exterior boundaries of the Maxwell Land Grant. The tract of land upon which this timber stands was sold in 1902 to Mary W. Bartlett, the timber however, was by the deed reserved to the Maxwell company; the controversy over the timber grows out of the reservation clause contained in the deed.

Judge Mills this morning signed an order in the case, directing the defendants to show cause before Judge McPhee in Santa Fe, why an injunction should not issue in the cause restraining the defendant from cutting or removing any of the timber on the tract of land.

The case of the Territory vs. Jay Walrath, charged with altering pay rolls with intent to defraud, has been on trial before the district court for the past two days. The defendant was indicted by the grand jury in April 1906, charged with altering pay rolls and thereby defrauding the Santa Fe Ry. company out of the sum of fifteen dollars, while he the defendant was foreman of the extra work gang on track work near the tunnel in the month of December 1905. The jury retired last night and at noon today returned the statement that they could not agree. Jury was discharged.

The case of the Territory vs. Azaar, who was indicted for the murder of Julian Trujillo, which occurred at one of the meeting places of the society of penitentes in March 1906, will be called for trial on Wednesday afternoon. Messrs. Spiess and Studley defending, while O. A. Larrazola of Las Vegas, will assist District At-

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